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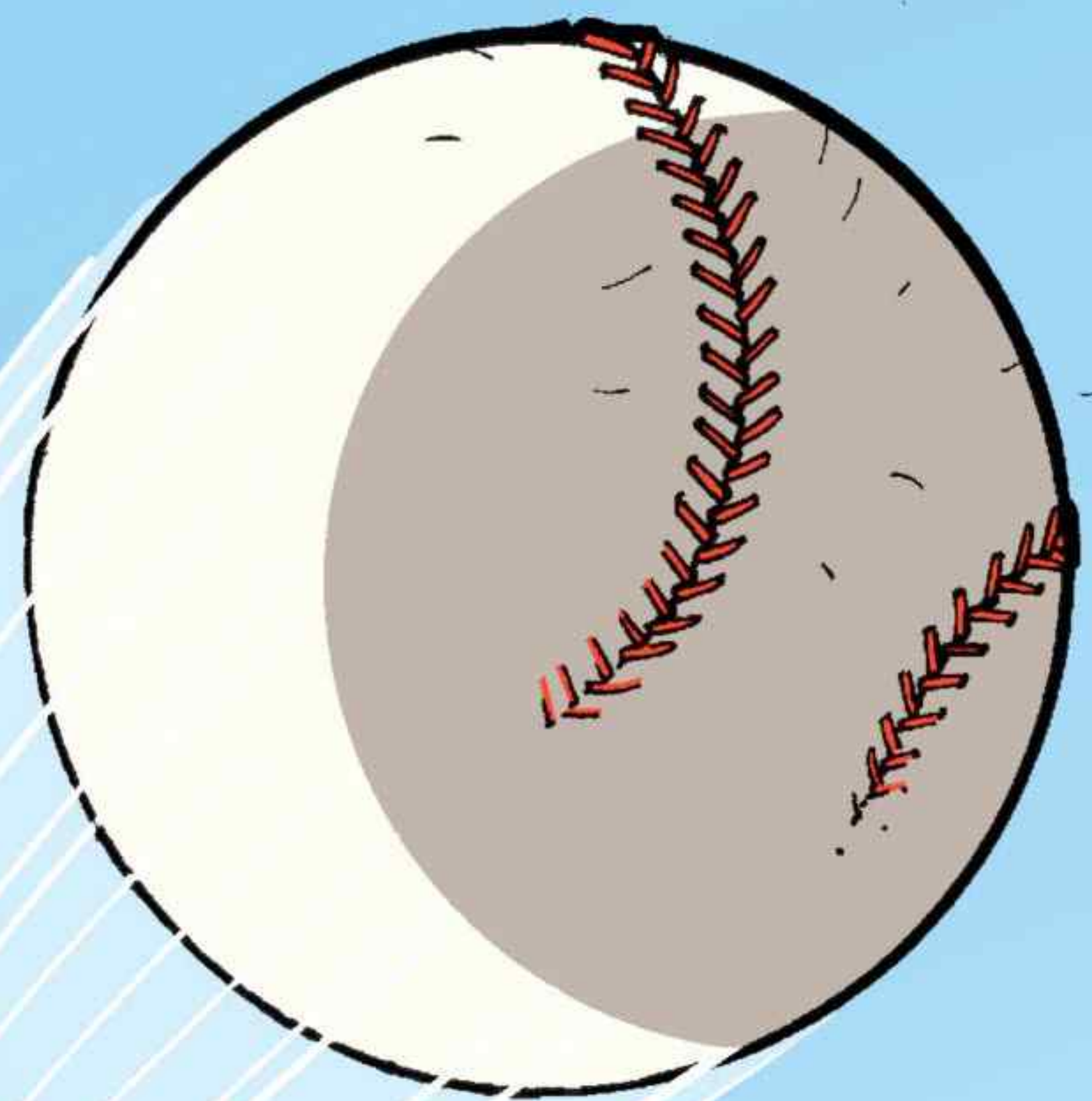
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NO, **ACTUALLY** IN THE TIME IT TOOK US TO LEAVE THE BATTLE SITE IN SAUDI ARABIA AND SAVE THOSE PEOPLE AT THE MALL THEY DEvised A WAY TO **TRACK** US, AND BUILT A DEVICE TO **DAMPEN** OUR POWERS.

SO, AS SOON AS THEY PUT THAT **THING** ON MY HEAD, I WAS POWERLESS... **THAT'S** HOW THEY PULLED ME IN THE PORTAL SO **EASILY**.

I CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW **TIME** WORKS FOR THEM, FOR ALL I **KNOW** THEY COULD BE FROM A **NONLINEAR** DIMENSION... I HAVE **NO CLUE** HOW LONG I WAS THERE.

I **ALWAYS** ROUND **DOWN**... I THINK IT MAKES YOUR MOTHER **FEEL** BETTER.



BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT.

I HEAR THAT RIGHT AFTER THEY PULLED ME INTO THE PORTAL YOU CALLED OUT FOR ME...

YEAH, SO...?

YOU CALLED ME "DAD" AT THE TOP OF YOUR LUNGS.

OH...

OH, JEEZ... I NEVER EVEN REALIZED...

IS THAT BAD?

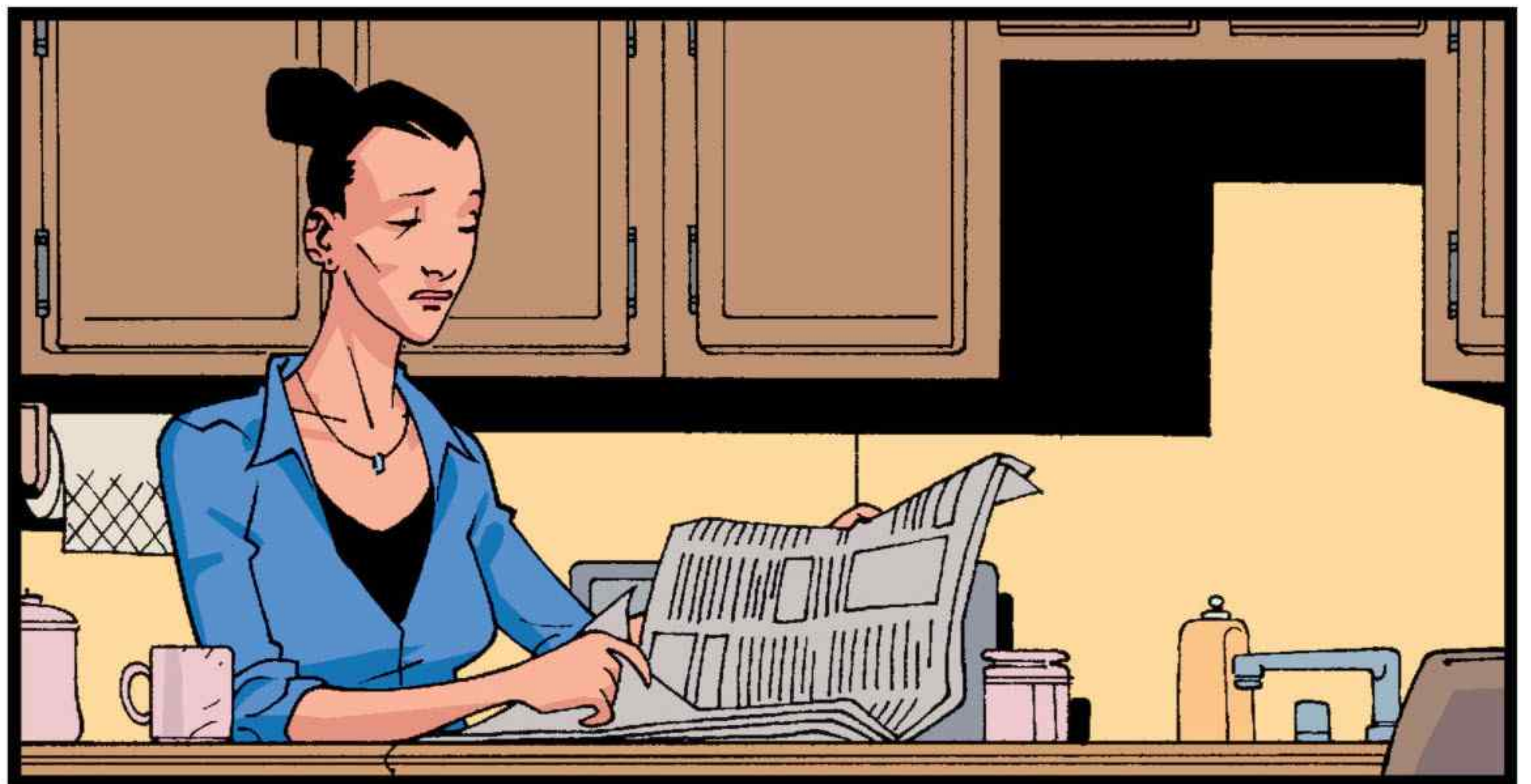
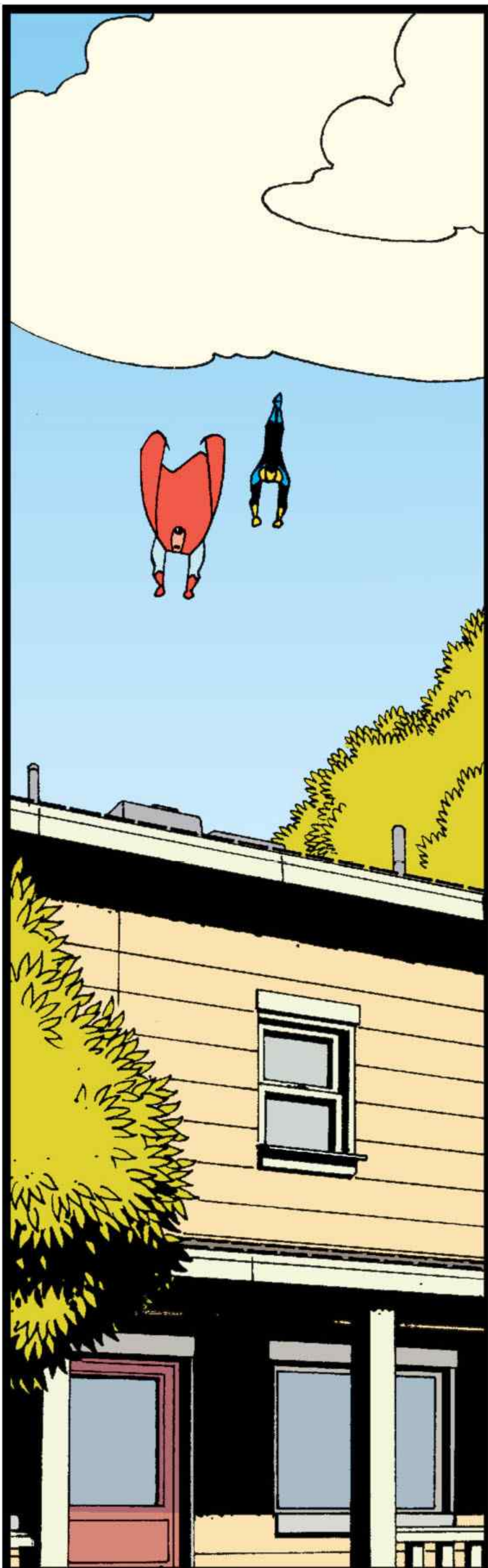
IT **COULD** HAVE BEEN. WHEN I WAS WITH THE GUARDIANS OF THE GLOBE YESTERDAY, **DARKWING** TOLD ME HE CAUGHT IT ON THE NEWS IN A **FEW** COUNTRIES, BUT HE SAID ALL THEY HAD WAS EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS... NO FOOTAGE.

STILL, YOU'VE BEEN ON THE NEWS ONCE OR TWICE, PEOPLE **KNOW** YOUR NAME... YOU MAY SOON RUN INTO A FEW OF MY VILLAINS TRYING TO GET AT **ME**.

HEADS UP!

I'LL BE READY FOR THEM.

FWAP!









I SUPPOSE YOU'RE ALL WONDERING WHY I CALLED YOU HERE.

IF THERE IS **ONE** THING I HAVE LEARNED IN MY LIFE THUS FAR IT'S THAT **THINGS CHANGE**. I REMEMBER ALMOST FOUR YEARS AGO WHEN WE STARTED TO WORK TOGETHER HOW **NEW** AND **EXCITING** THINGS WERE... HOW **DIFFERENT** WE ALL WERE BACK THEN.

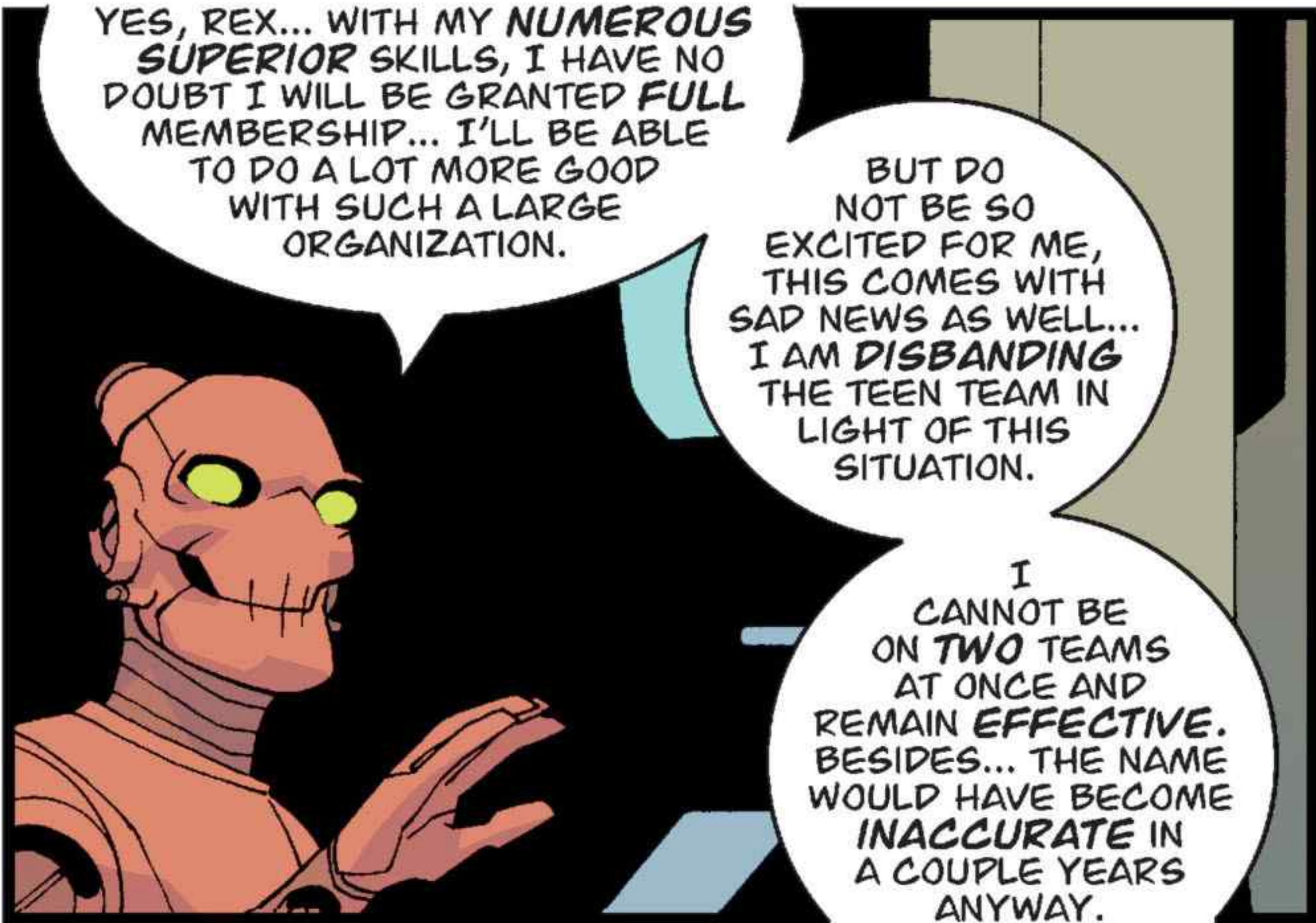
WE WERE YOUNG, AND RECKLESS... WE WEREN'T QUITE AS **EFFECTIVE** AS WE ARE NOW. THINGS **CHANGED**... AND NOW IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN FOR **ANOTHER** ONE.

I HAVE BEEN INVITED TO TRY OUT FOR THE GUARDIANS OF THE GLOBE.



OH, ROBOT-- THAT'S GREAT!

YEAH, MAN... WELL DONE! I'M SURE YOU'LL REALLY TURN SOME HEADS.



YES, REX... WITH MY **NUMEROUS SUPERIOR** SKILLS, I HAVE NO DOUBT I WILL BE GRANTED **FULL** MEMBERSHIP... I'LL BE ABLE TO DO A LOT MORE GOOD WITH SUCH A LARGE ORGANIZATION.

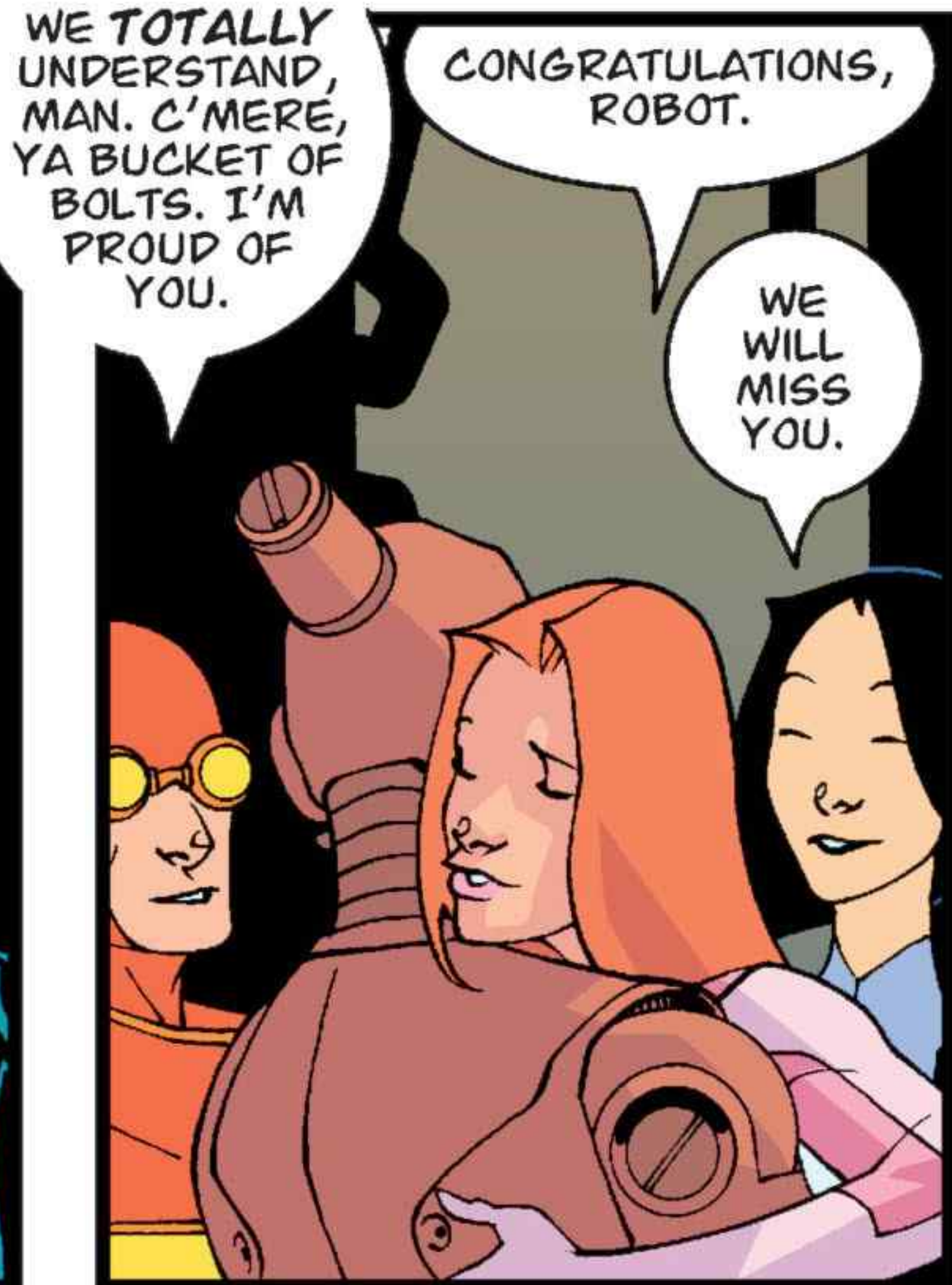
BUT DO NOT BE SO EXCITED FOR ME, THIS COMES WITH SAD NEWS AS WELL... I AM **DISBANDING** THE TEEN TEAM IN LIGHT OF THIS SITUATION.

I CANNOT BE ON **TWO** TEAMS AT ONCE AND REMAIN **EFFECTIVE**. BESIDES... THE NAME WOULD HAVE BECOME **INACCURATE** IN A COUPLE YEARS ANYWAY.



OF COURSE, THIS FACILITY WILL ALWAYS BE OPEN FOR YOUR **PRIVATE** USE AND I WILL **ALWAYS** ASSIST YOU IF I CAN.

THIS IS NOT THE **END**, IT IS A **BEGINNING**.



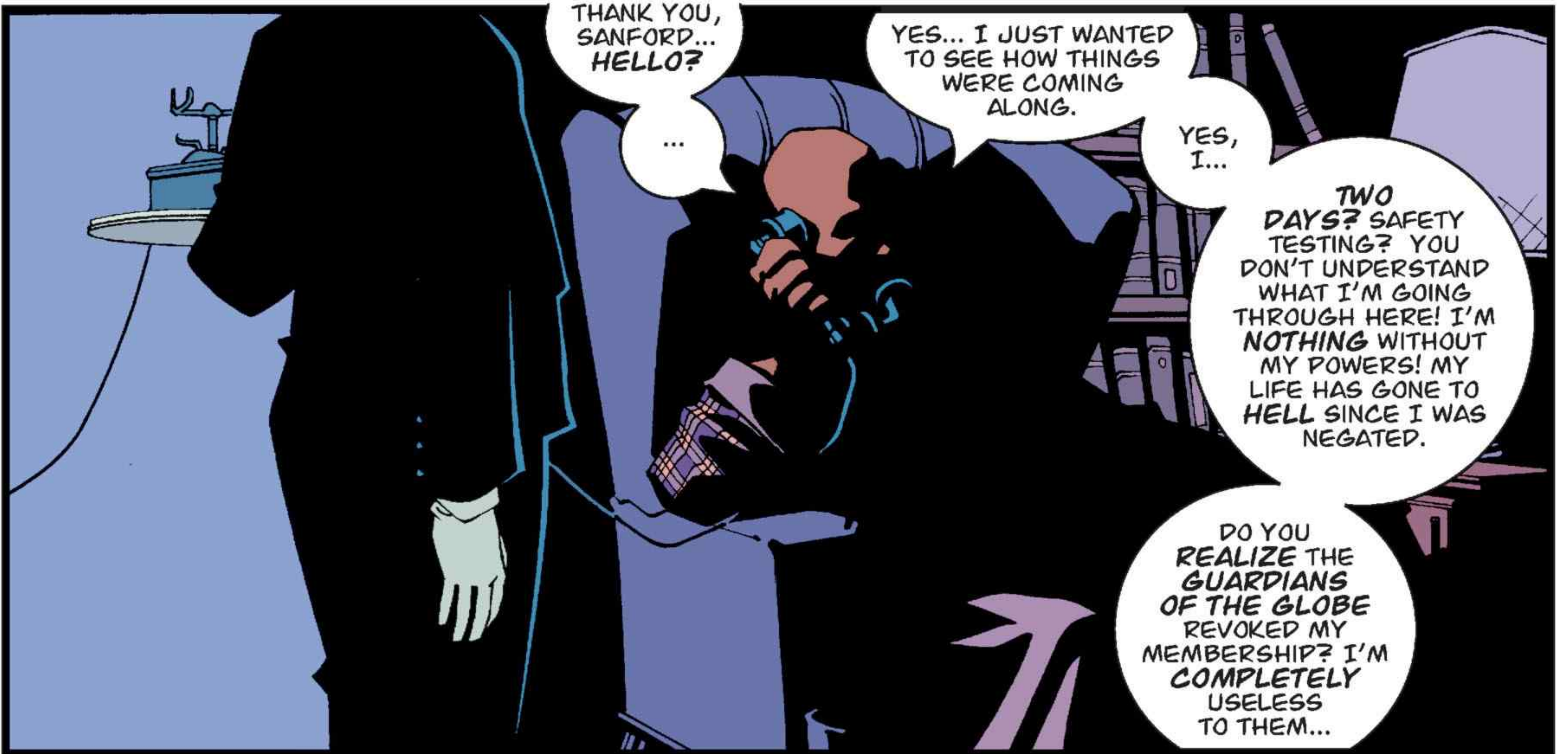
WE **TOTALLY** UNDERSTAND, MAN. C'MERE, YA BUCKET OF BOLTS. I'M PROUD OF YOU.

CONGRATULATIONS, ROBOT.

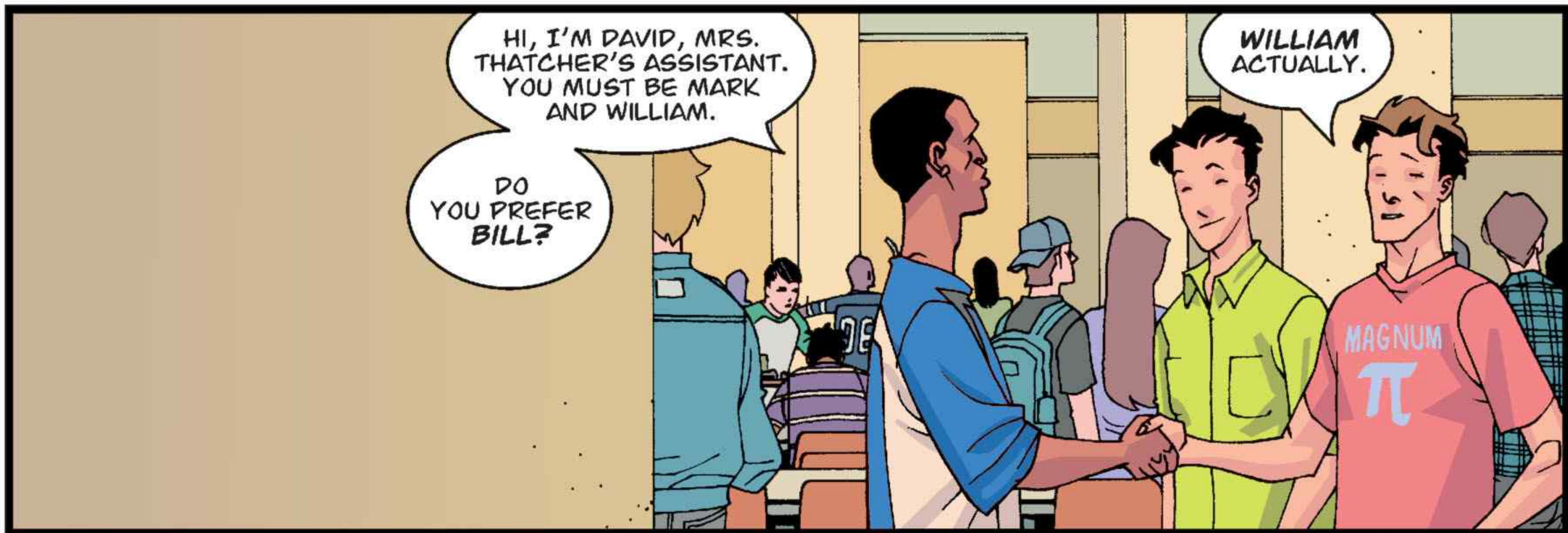
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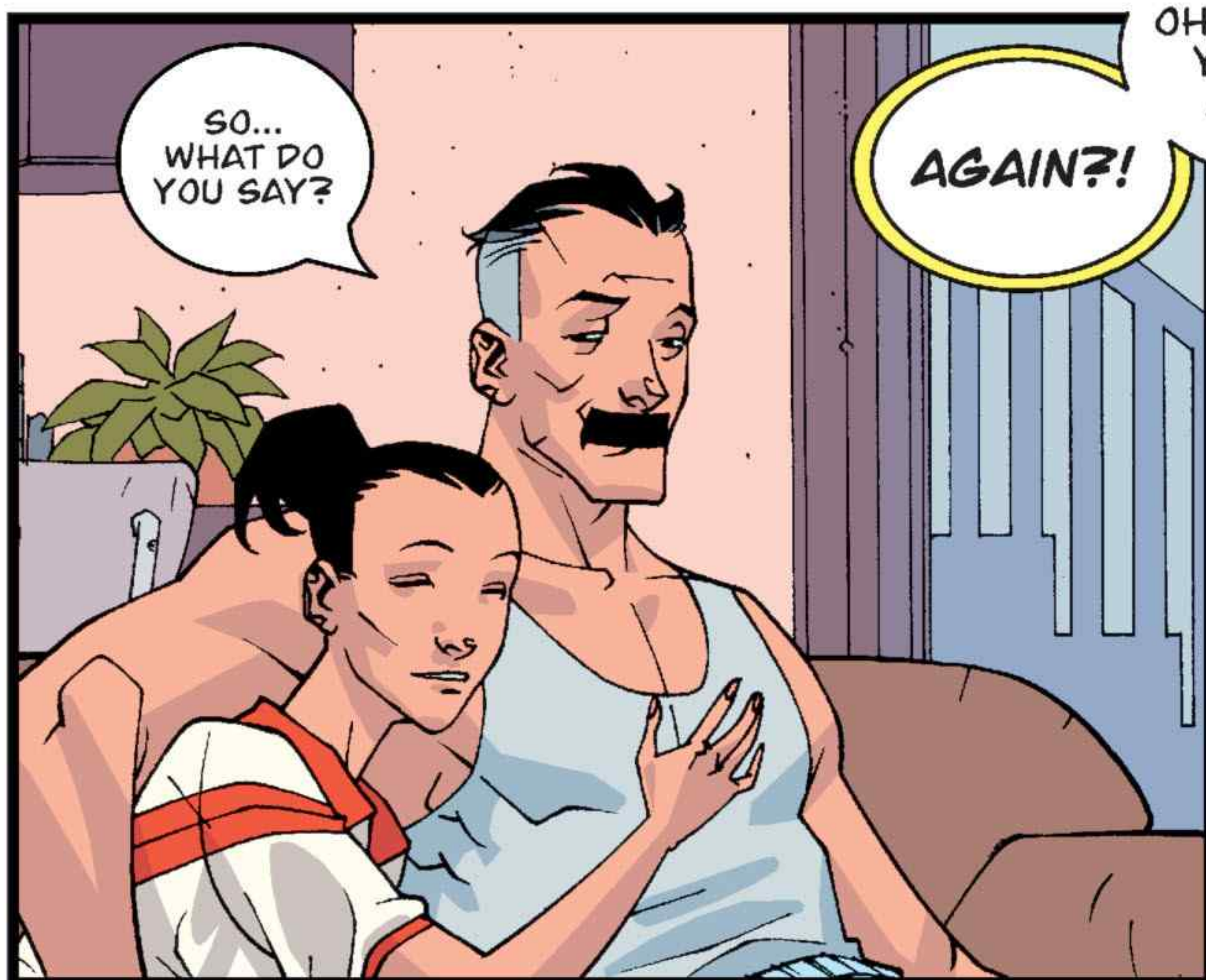
I WILL MISS YOU ALL, AS WELL.

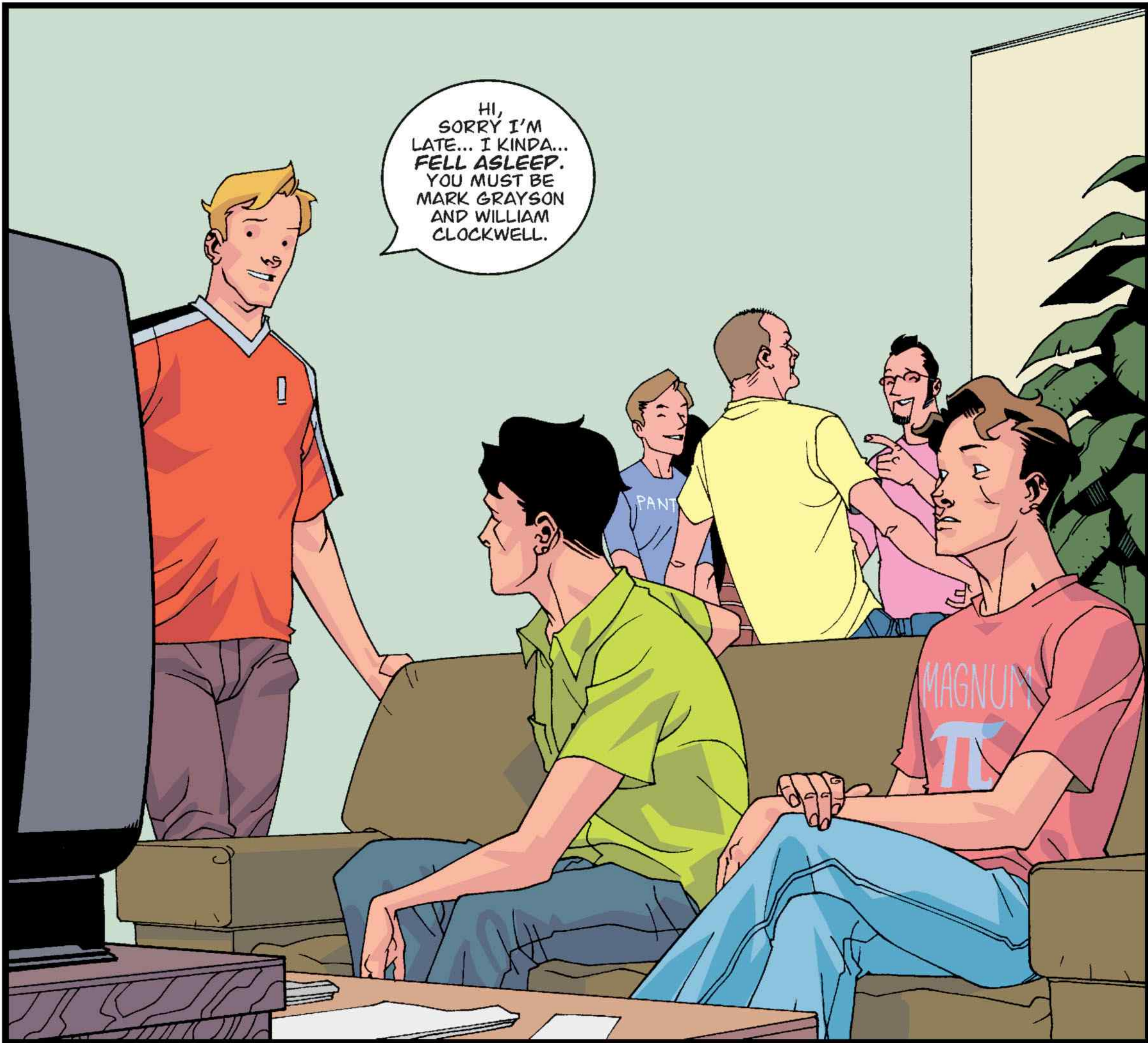


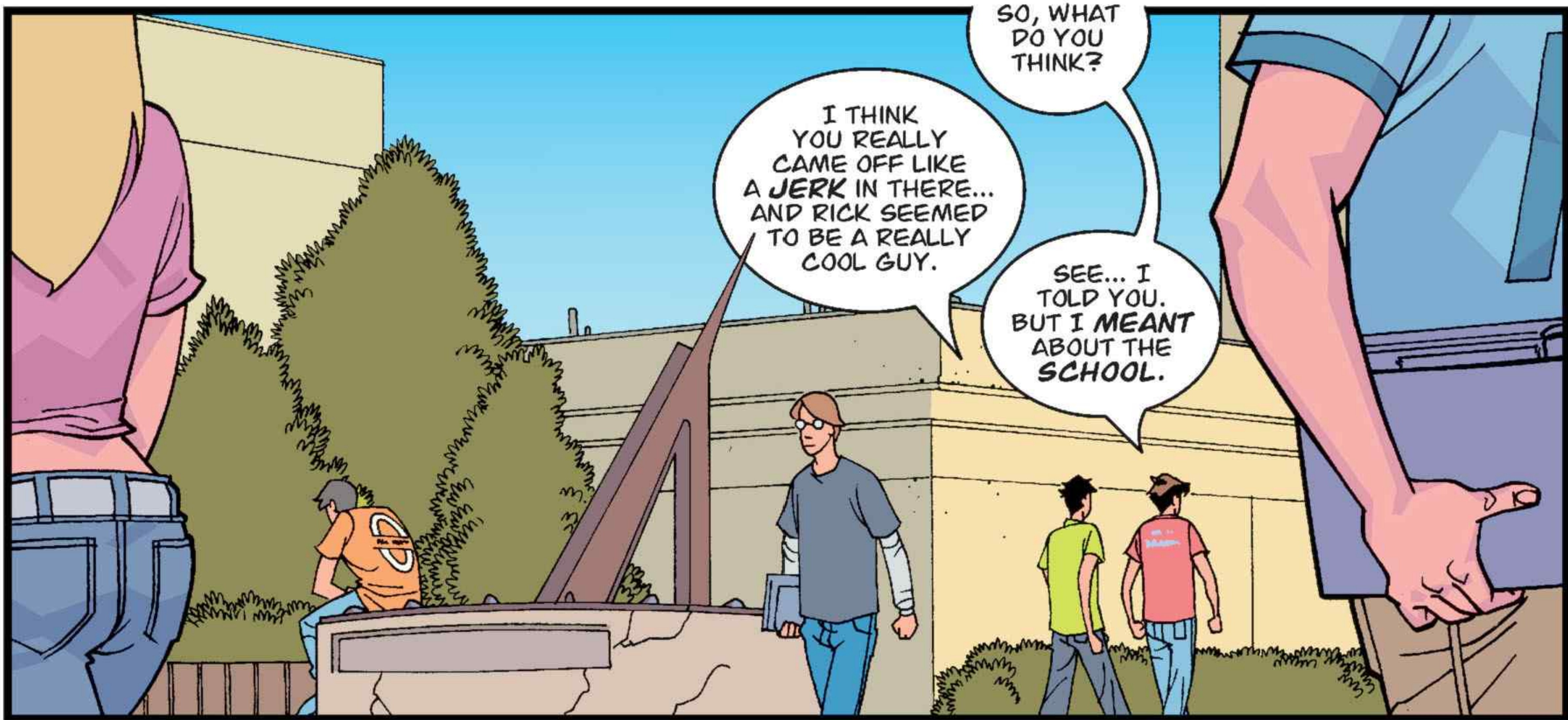




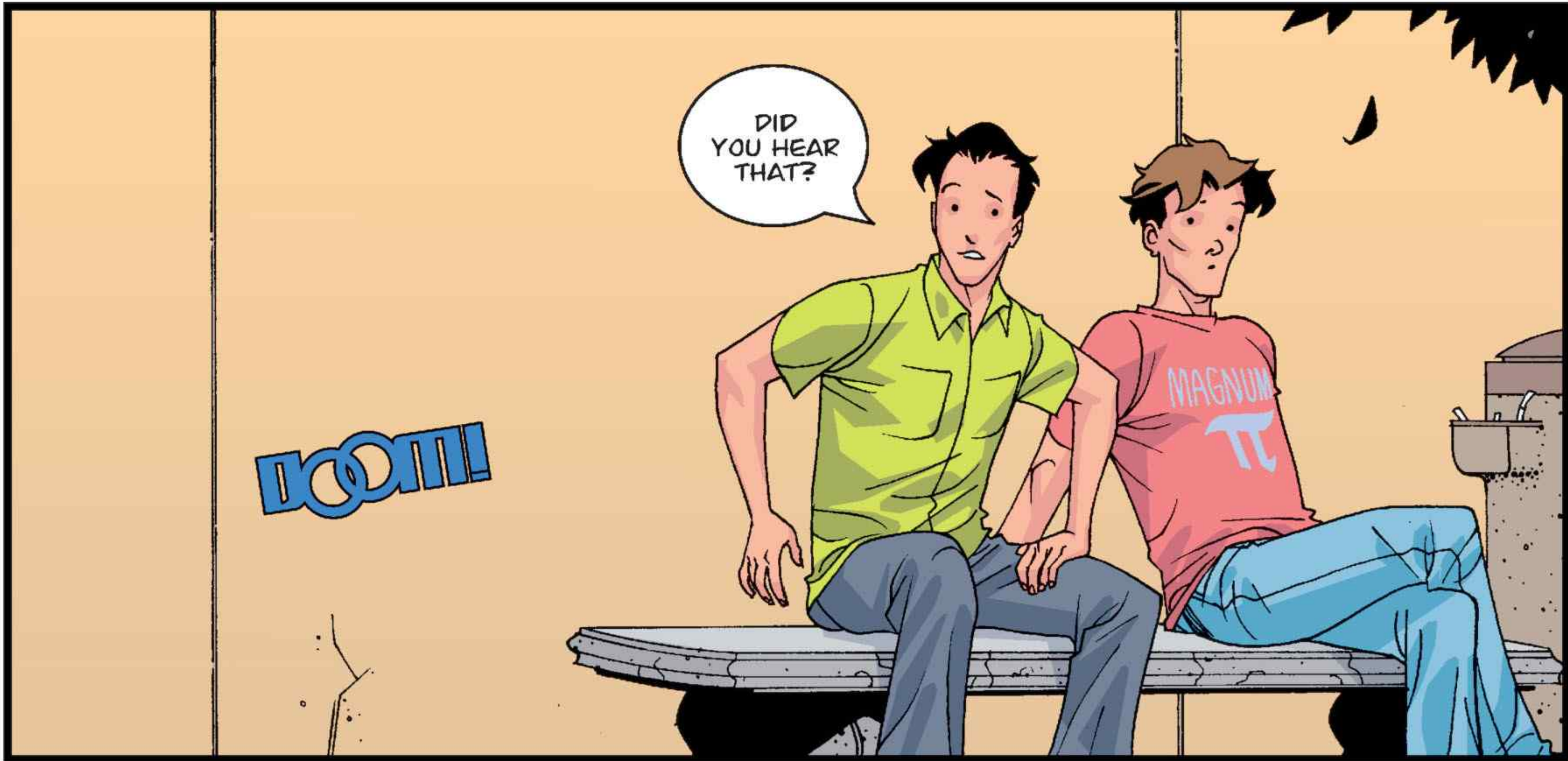


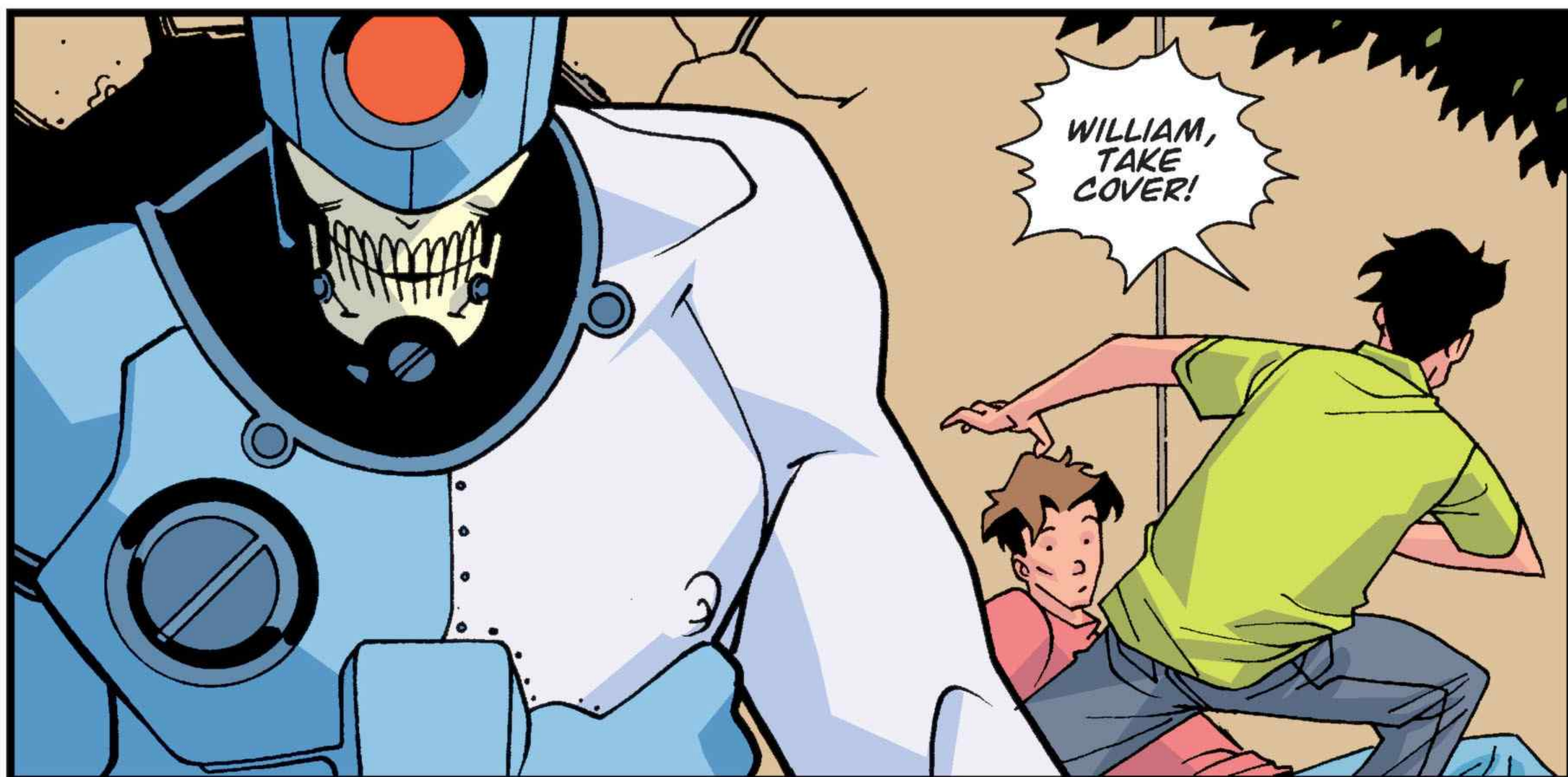
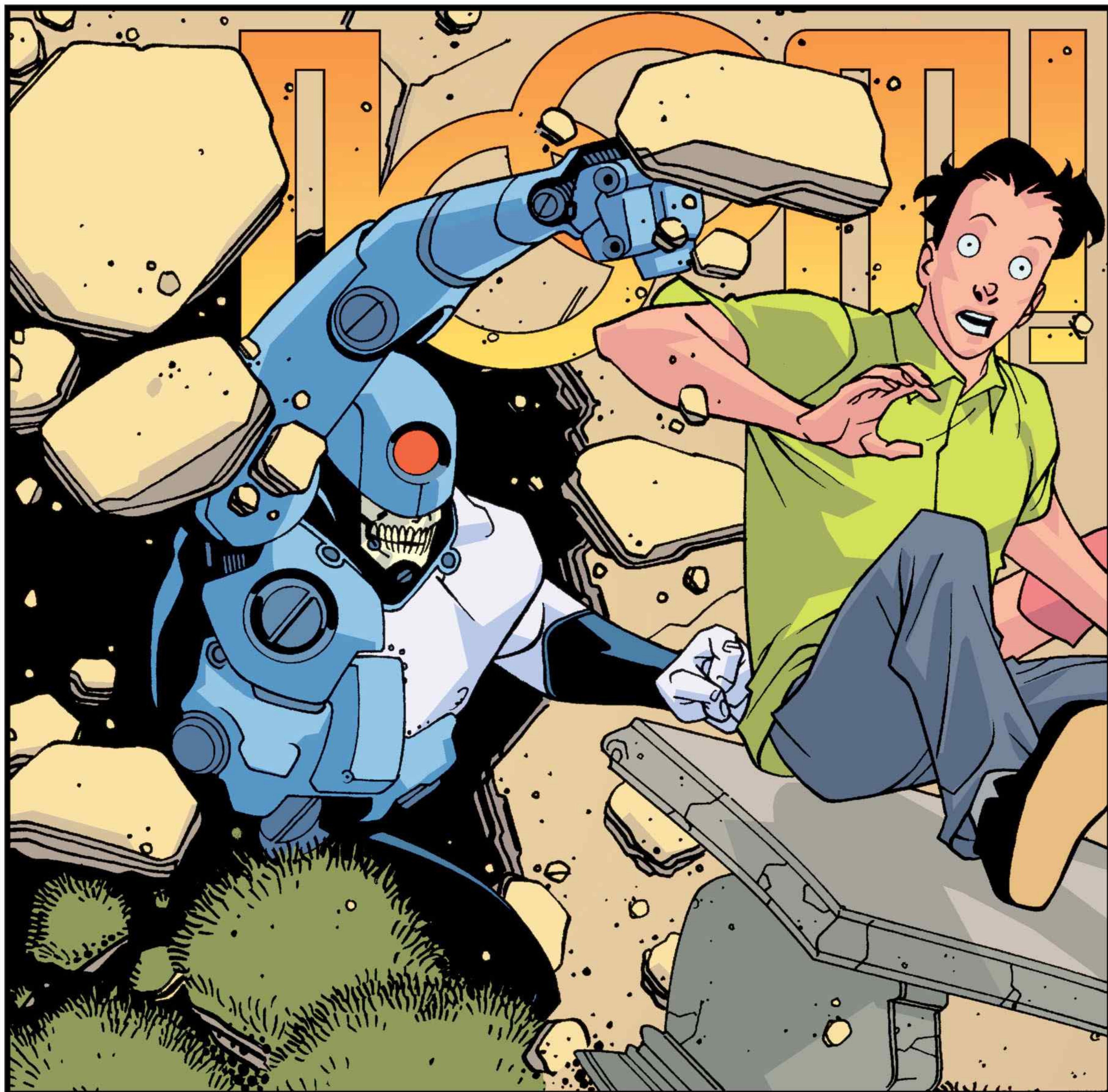




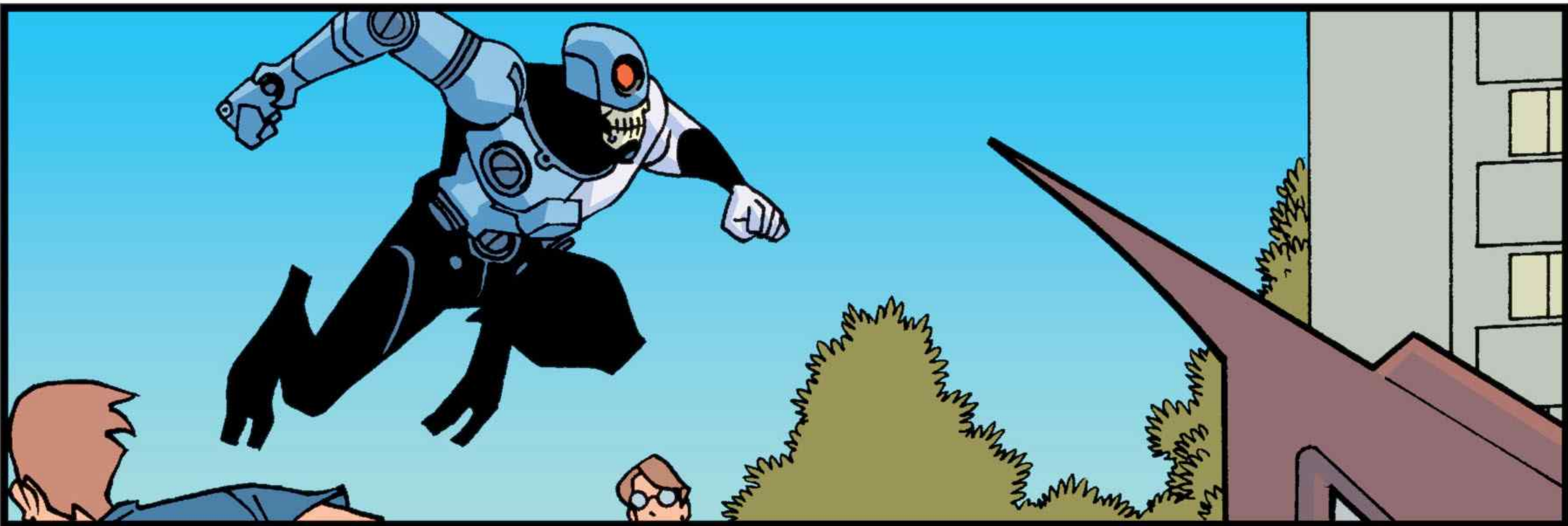
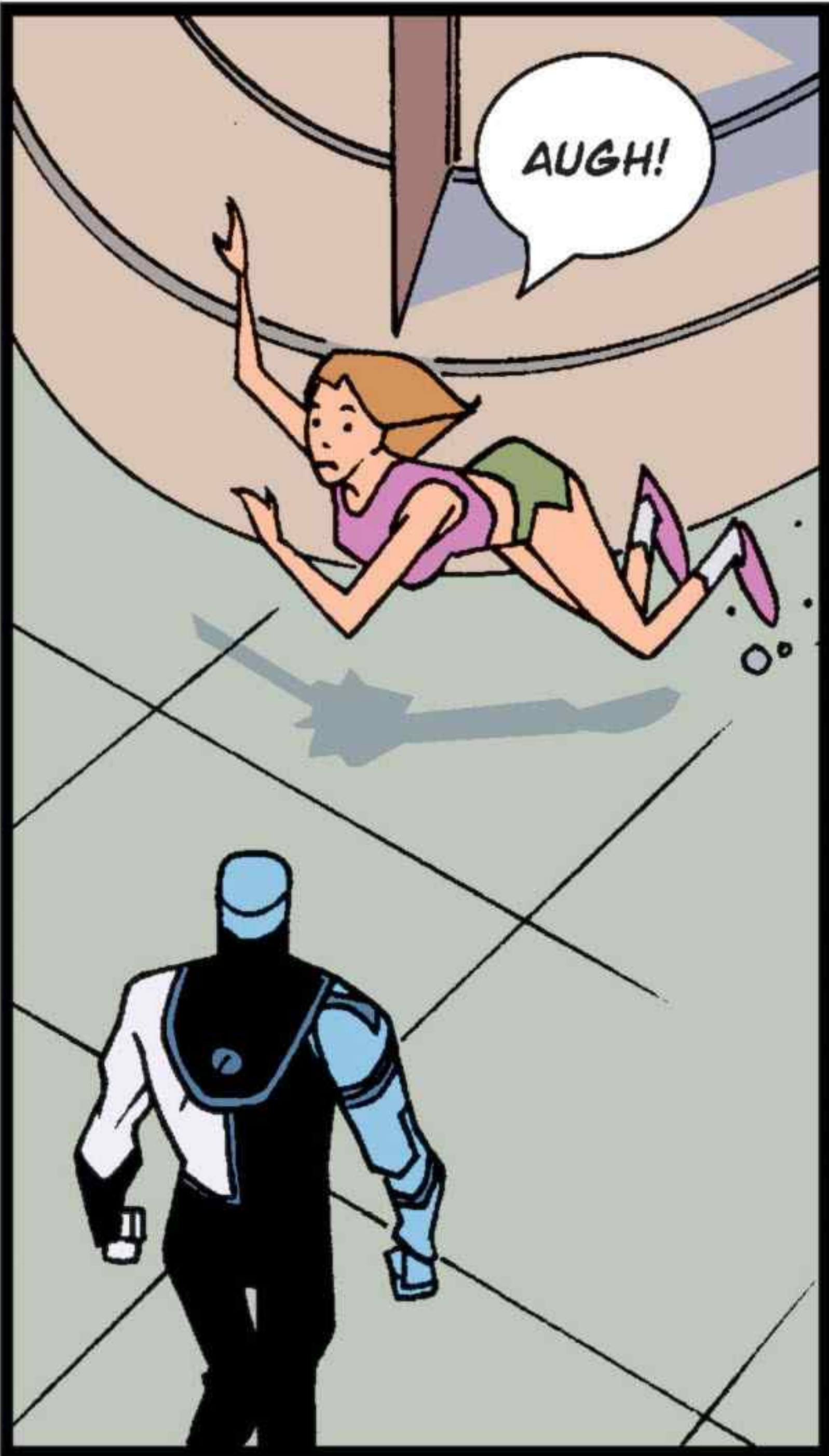


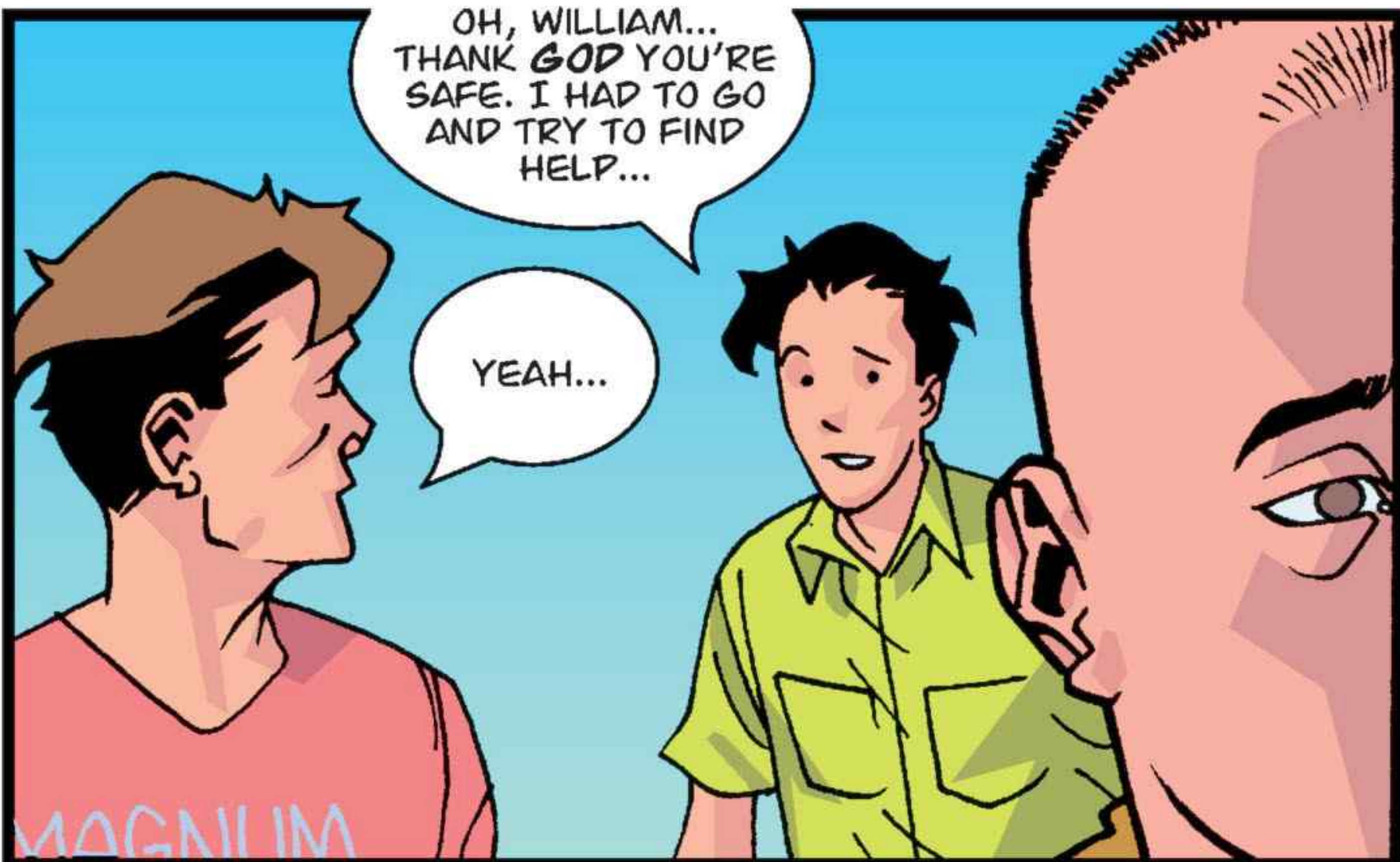
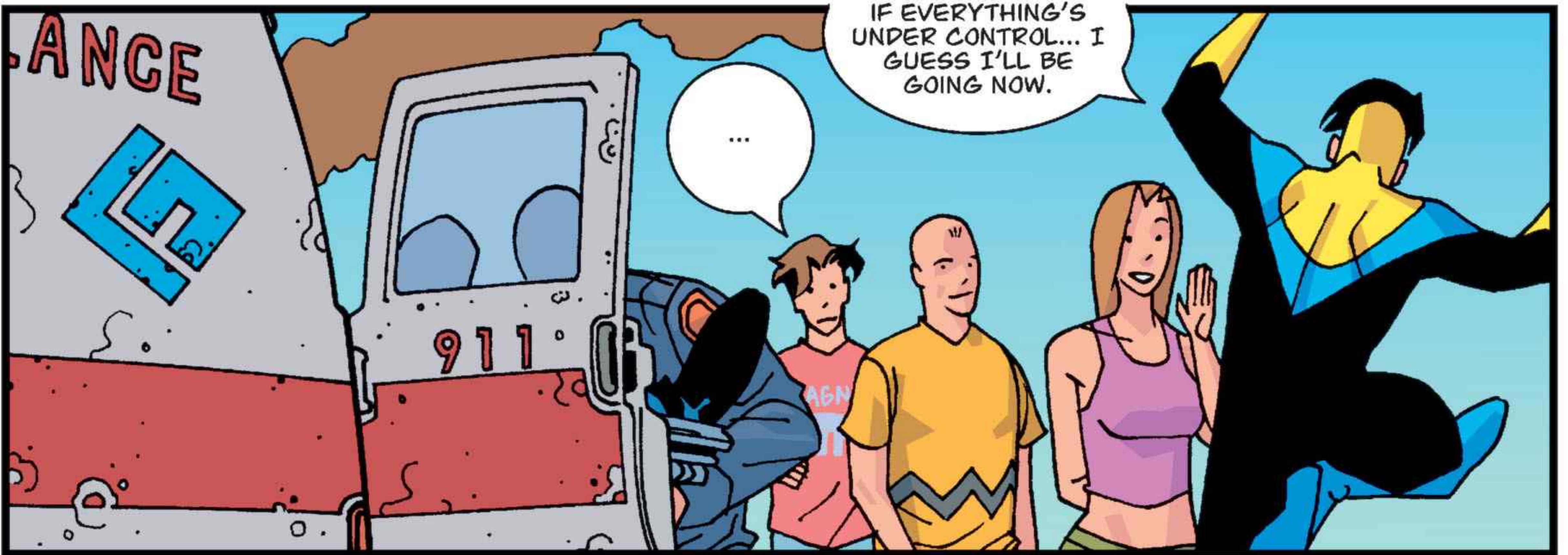
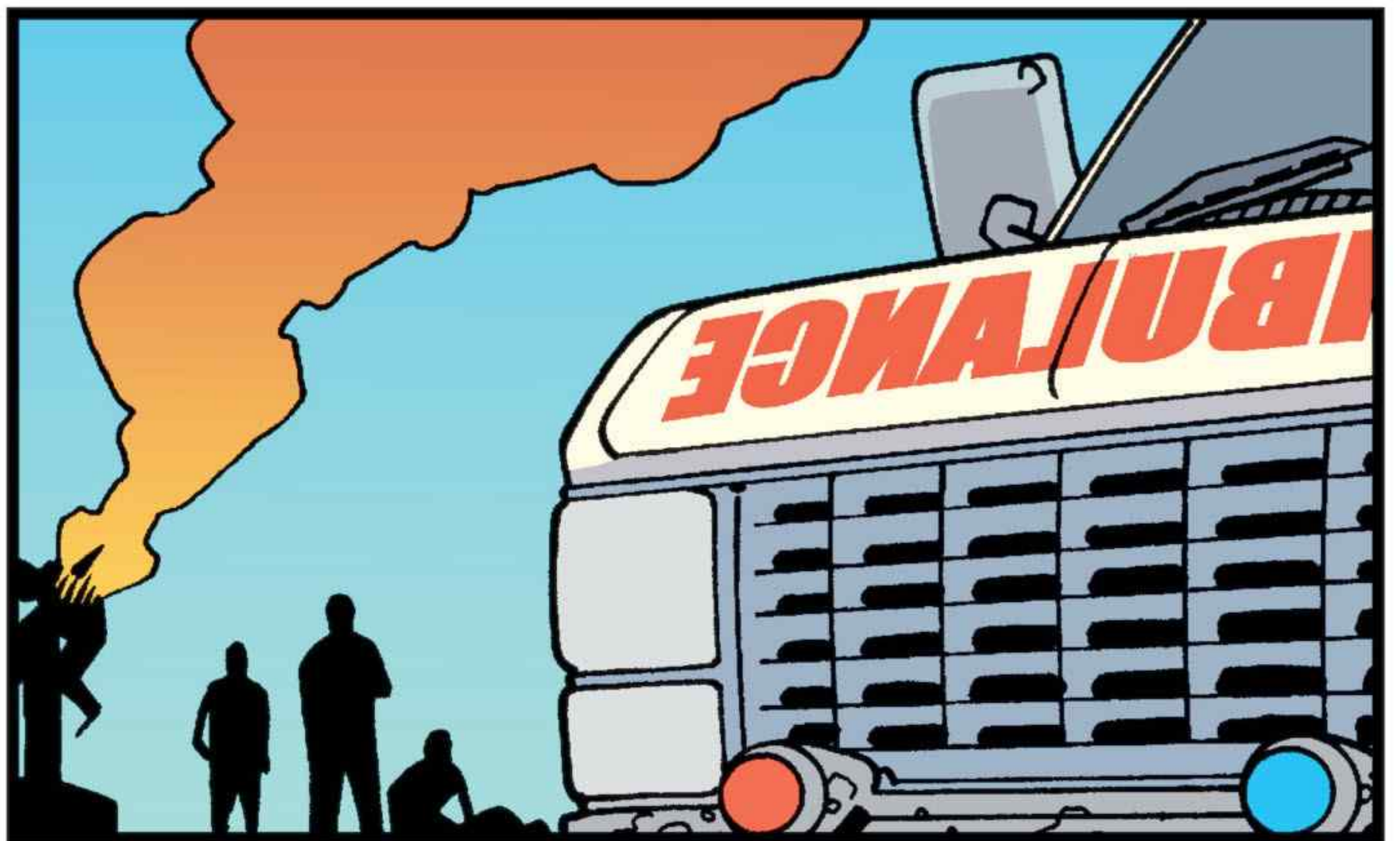
OH, I WAS PRETTY MUCH DECIDED BEFORE WE EVEN CAME HERE. IT'S GOT EVERYTHING I'M GOING TO NEED, AND IT'S NOT TOO EXPENSIVE... SO MY PARENTS CAN EASILY AFFORD IT, AND WITH MY S.A.T. SCORES IT'LL BE A BREEZE TO GET ACCEPTED.











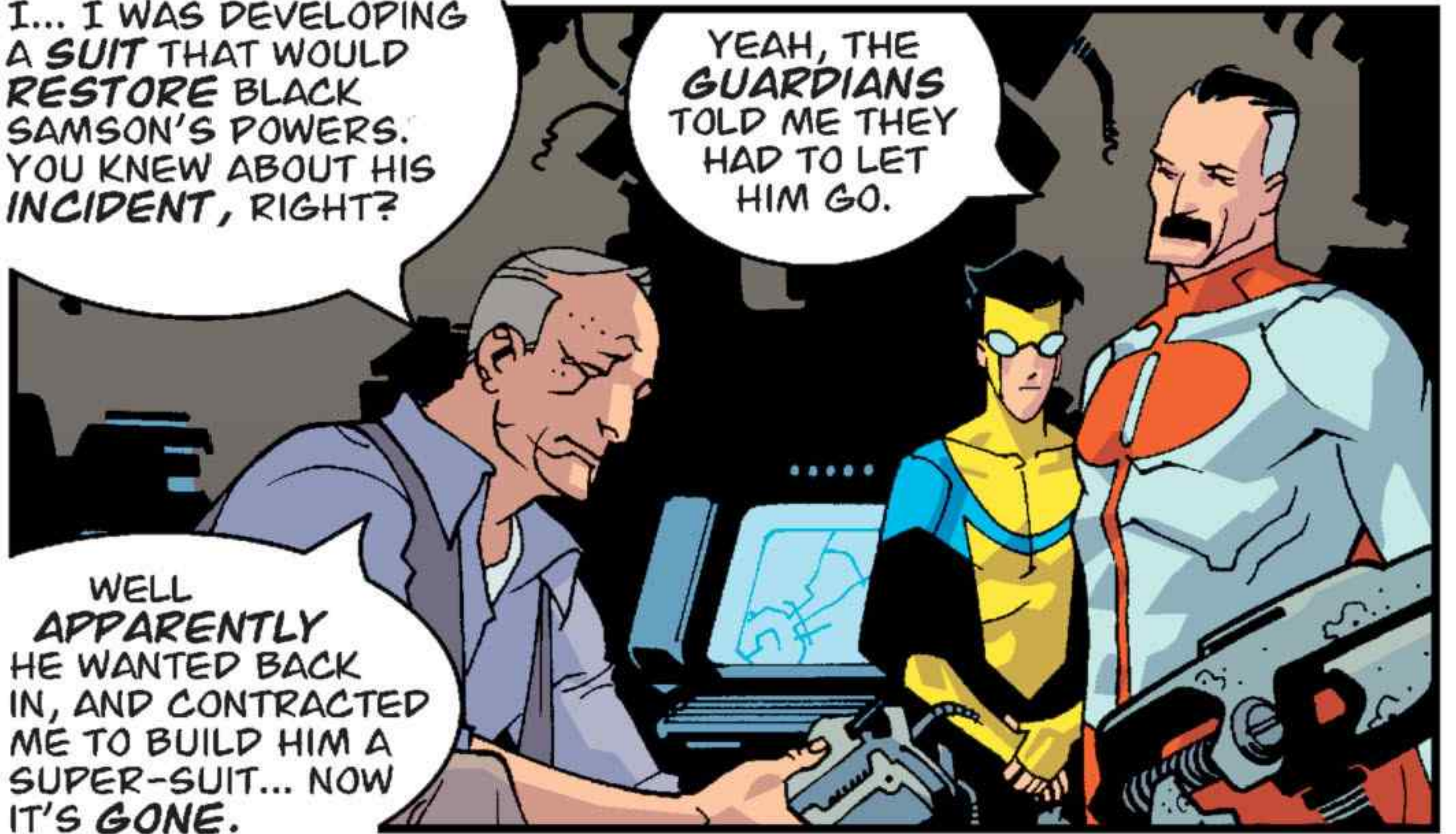




I... I WAS DEVELOPING A **SUIT** THAT WOULD **RESTORE** BLACK SAMSON'S POWERS. YOU KNEW ABOUT HIS INCIDENT, RIGHT?

YEAH, THE **GUARDIANS** TOLD ME THEY HAD TO LET HIM GO.

WELL APPARENTLY HE WANTED BACK IN, AND CONTRACTED ME TO BUILD HIM A SUPER-SUIT... NOW IT'S **GONE**.



I DIDN'T SEE WHO IT WAS... THEY KNOCKED ME OUT BEFORE I EVEN KNEW THEY HAD BROKEN IN.

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I DEAL WITH SUPER VILLAINS, AND THIS PLACE ISN'T EXACTLY COMMON KNOWLEDGE... AND HIS SUIT WAS THE **ONLY** THING STOLEN...



YOU'RE NOT SAYING...

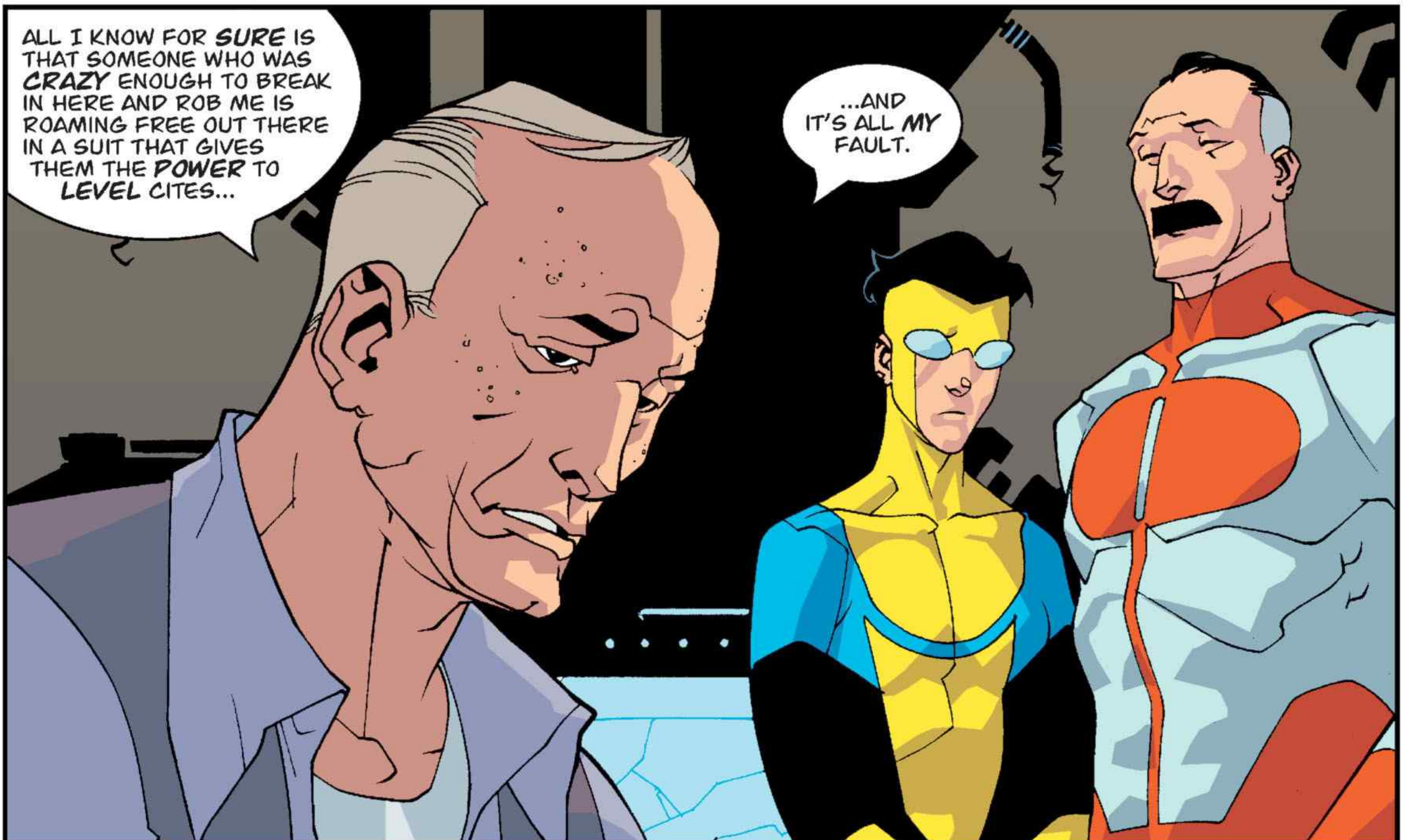


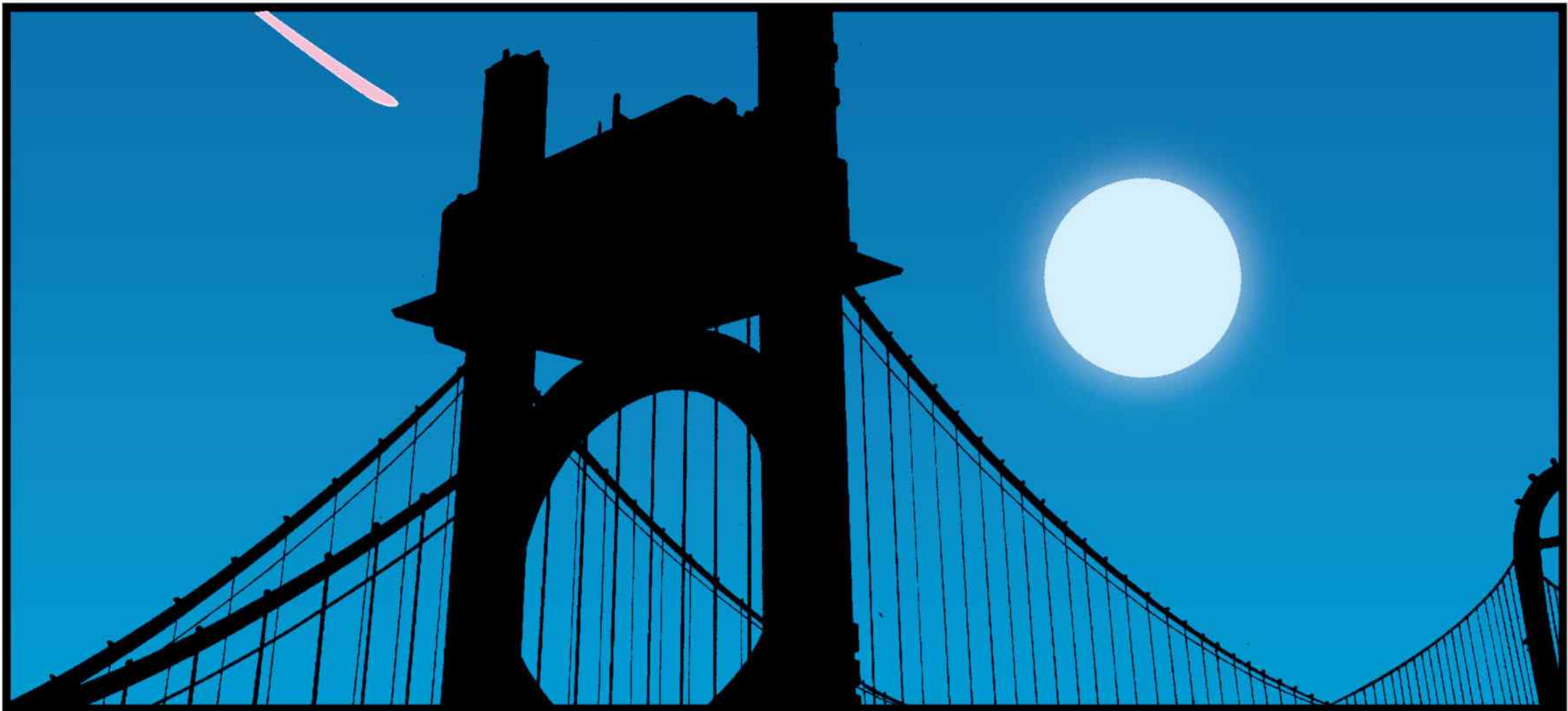
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING... I MEAN... I KNEW HE WAS **UNSTABLE** BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST THE STRESS OF LOSING HIS **POWERS**... HE MAY VERY WELL HAVE GONE **INSANE**...



ALL I KNOW FOR **SURE** IS THAT SOMEONE WHO WAS **CRAZY** ENOUGH TO BREAK IN HERE AND ROB ME IS ROAMING FREE OUT THERE IN A SUIT THAT GIVES THEM THE **POWER** TO **LEVEL** CITIES...

...AND IT'S ALL MY FAULT.





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Man is this issue out early or what?! I mean... it seems like only yesterday it was solicited and already, here it is... in your hands... like a gift from heaven or something. Okay... fine... I get it... this book is LATE... not Battle Chasers late... or Warren Ellis late... but late nonetheless. All I can say is we're trying to get back on track and hopefully the next couple issues will come out more frequently. This should just be a hiccup in what will be a long run on this book. In an effort to get the book back on track next issue will have some guest sequences drawn by Terry Stevens, Matt Roberts & Tony Moore, Mark Englert & Erik Larsen, Dave Johnson, and Cliff Rathburn. Cory's still doing most of the book, so don't worry. All guest artists are doing sequences that introduce individual members of the Guardians of the Globe, so it should be a lot of fun.

Now that that's out of the way, thanks for sticking with us. We're having a good time with this book and it good to see that people are supporting it. Keep it up guys and spread the word, we could always use a few new faces in the crowd. Now onto the letters... where's that one by Chris Piers...

Invincible team,

Great issue. The book's been moving at this steady pace but it works because it's really established how Mark's day to day life is. Instead of doing huge arcs, I like that you've eased us in to how life is at the Grayson household. But a carrot on the floor? That's just silly.

A few quick round of congratulations to the whole team. I read on the Image website that the first two issues completely sold out on their initial print runs. Hope that means the upcoming trade will do well. Please include the usual overabundance of extras included in of Kirkman's trades. Also congratulations to Cory on his nomination for an Eisner Award (Russ Manning best newcomer). I don't know who does those nominations but I guess the comics world is taking notice of the book and that's a plus. Also, he's in good company (I'm a fan of fellow nominee Steve Griffin's work on Hawaiian Dick). And congrats to Nate and Benito. Their strip makes me chuckle. Hey. I got questions!

1) What Image Comics are you guys reading these days? The Hellhounds preview in the back of #5 looked good.

2) Will Invincible continue to remain character-driven or do you have plans to vary it up with multi-issue arcs? I know there was the continuing bomber thread in the first several issues but the focus remained squarely on Mark.

3) It IS early but are there plans to flesh out the supporting cast? I think Omni-Man could certainly support his own one shot, fleshing out his arrival to Earth in the 80s and why he decided to live in America of all places (nice choice, Nolan).

4) Where the hell IS Urath?

Keep up the solid work and I'll keep buying (and writing),
Chris Piers

Carrot? What Carrot?

1) I read most every Image comic... I don't like to play favorites but I especially dig Powers, Hawaiian Dick, Sammy: Tourist Trap, Shadows, Hellhounds, Noble Causes... and Savage Dragon... I guess. I'm sure I left out a bunch... and some I meant to... but there's more. Image puts out a lot of good stuff these days.

2) We'll be trying different things as the series goes on. Issues 9-12 are an arc called "Perfect Strangers" so we'll be varying it up a bit. Of course, Mark is the main character, he'll always be the main focus, but now that everything's been established in the first arc I'll be throwing in more subplots, as this issue clearly indicates.

3) We'll get to know Omni-Man a bit more in the coming issues. I think he chose America because I live here... you write what you know... or at least I do... most of the time... when it's not about catholics...

4) Right where I left it. (hell if I know)

Dear Robert, Cory, and Bill,

I can't tell you enough how much I love this book. It's the only comic I get excited to rush to the comic store for each and every month. I've angered all of my friends talking about it all the time. I've been a fan of your writing since SuperPatriot because it reminded me of some of the early issues of Savage Dragon, the brilliant mix of wit, humor, and action.

Onto my questions:

1. Robert, I love your lettering, yours is the only type I actually

enjoy when reading comics, how did you develop your lettering skills (I'd like to learn how)?

2. In issue #3, on page 8, and again on pages #3 and 22, there is a poster of something called "Science Dog" on the wall of Mark's room, where did that come from?

3. How do you find the pinup art for the end of each issue, is it sent to you, or do you ask the artists to complete a rendition of Mark as Invincible?

4. Can we expect to see the story behind how Nolan and Debbie met anytime soon (in issue 2, the final panel on the page, "It was less than a year before I met your mother...but that's a story for another time")?

5. Was there ever a winner in the contest for choosing a name for the mail portion of Invincible (as mentioned in issue 3)?

6. Both Robot and Eve "remind" Mark of the fact that Eve is going out with Rex. Can we hope to continue seeing this hilarious awkwardness between Mark and Eve?

Thanks, and keep up the awesome work guys!!!

Evan Cranston
Flower Mound, TX

1. I don't try to hide the fact that I'm just aping thing styles of Chris Eliopoulos and John Workman. I'm literally looking at their balloons and what not and trying to make mine look like theirs. I use a Blambot (www.blambot.com) font designed by Nate Piekos called "Jack Armstrong" for the text and about 99% of the sound effects are just another Blambot font called "Working Man" designed by Pat Brosseau. Get those fonts... and copy from the greats and you'll be as good as me.

2. Science Dog was a book Cory and I were developing before we did SuperPatriot back when I was working on Battle Pope. Previous letters columns in this very book probably tell the story a lot better than I could again so just look through old issues.

3. A lot of times I ask... sometimes people offer. I try to keep it to working pros only but every now and then fans send in stuff that I think is good enough to print. There's no set way of gathering pin-ups. For instance, Scott Iwahashi's pin-up in this issue was done for fun and I asked if I could print it. You can see Scott's art every month of the covers of DC's "Icandy." He's a talented little fellow.

4. You saw it there... they met when Nolan was trying to crush her with a car... or something. I may get around to it eventually but it's not a priority.

5. There WAS a winner... and then I lost the email in a computer crash. I can't remember the guys name or his suggestion. I'm torn as to if I should just pick another one or cancel the contest altogether. All I remember about the winner is that it was long and ridiculous. Anyone out there send in one like that? Care to re-send?

6. Count on it.

Dear Invincible creators,

Invincible kicks ass! Out of the 20 monthly titles I get, it's the best one. Even better than Batman or Ultimate Spider-Man. Your story and art is too good for words. It shows every day life but with a father son super hero thing going. Mark's mom is the coolest! The way she deals with this is amazing. It's like she could care less. I love the costume for Mark and the idea behind his powers it's great. I've read issues#1-5 and recommended it to all my friends. Just one question though

1) Do you have any plans on having Mark and Eve going out? I'd really like to see that. Boyfriend and girlfriend super-hero team. It's perfect. Keep up the good work on this title. And once again this book is the SHIT!

Thanks for some great reading,
Mike Stomiolo

Glad you like the book Mike. Eve and Mark will always have a "relationship" whether or not that ever turns into anything romantic is yet to be seen. I mean... how do you think REX would feel about that?

That's if for now folks. Be back here next month (yes... just one) for issue 7. You'll be pissed for months if you miss it... it's a big one. You heard it here first. See you then!

This month's pin-ups by Scott Iwahashi and Jason Latour.

-Robert Kirkman







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